

# Travis County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

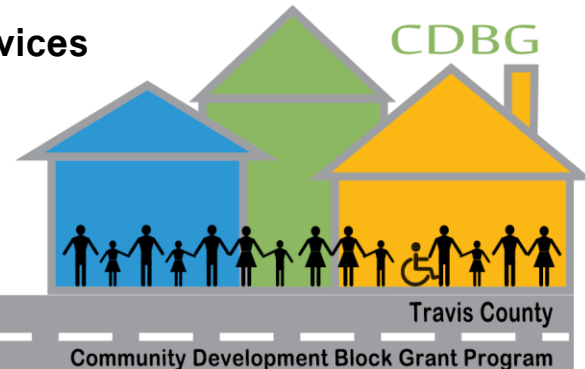
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## SUMMARY OF THE PY14–PY18 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY14 ACTION PLAN

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Health & Human Services and Veteran Services  
(HHS&VS) Department

July 1 & July 8, 2014 TCCC Presentation





## Purpose:

- Improve affordable housing options
- Improve community facilities and services
- Revitalize neighborhoods

## Who Benefits?

- At least 70 % of the funds must benefit low- to moderate-income residents in the unincorporated areas of Travis County or the Village of Webberville.



## Key Findings:

### **Housing**

- Imbalance in housing supply and demand due to rapid population growth in the Austin area.
- Housing prices and rents steadily increasing at higher rate than median incomes in Travis County.
- Cost burden (paying >30% of income on housing) is most prevalent housing issue facing Travis County residents.
- Housing repair for owner-occupied housing indicated as most urgent housing need by residents in unincorporated areas.



## Key Findings:

### **Infrastructure**

- Infrastructure consistently ranked as highest priority need by residents in unincorporated areas.
- Water/wastewater improvements ranked as a high need in Precincts 1, 3 and 4, in particular.
- Approximately 400 miles of roadways in unincorporated areas currently not within County-maintained system.
- CDBG program is a good option for low-to-moderate income neighborhoods to be competitive with the County's Substandard Road Program.



## Key Findings:

### **Community Services**

- Community Services ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> highest priority both by residents and social service agencies.
- Only about 5% of social service contract investments by the Department benefits persons living in the unincorporated areas, and 25% benefits residents in areas that are mixed incorporated and unincorporated; whereas the remaining 70% benefits the incorporated areas.



## Key Findings:

### **Public Building & Facilities**

- Residents have requested public facilities such as:
  - neighborhood parks (including playgrounds and walking trails),
  - recreational centers,
  - community centers,
  - health facilities, and
  - childcare centers.
- Whereas some of these public facilities, such as parks and community centers, are available in the unincorporated areas, some may not be accessible to residents who have no, or limited, access to personal or public transportation.



## Key Findings:

### **Populations with Specialized Needs**

- Approximately 5% of clients receiving services for the elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, or persons living with HIV/AIDS were from the unincorporated areas of the county. Another 24% live in areas that are a mix of incorporated and unincorporated.

### **Business & Jobs**

- According to Texas Workforce Commission, the number of jobs in every major industry in Texas increased in 2013.
- And as of December 2013, the unemployment rate for Travis County (4.5%) has consistently remained lower than the state (5.6%) and national (6.5%) rates.



## Summary of Participation:

- Six Public Hearings  
*22 participants*
- Needs Assessment Survey  
*65 responses*
- Project Proposals  
*7 submitted*
- Service Providers Forum  
*19 attendees representing 17 agencies*





# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## Summary of Results for Consolidated Planning Period

Category	Resident Ranking	Service Provider Ranking
Infrastructure	1	5
Community Services	2	2
Housing	3	1
Populations with Specialized Needs/Services	4	3
Business & Jobs	5	4
Public Building & Facilities	6	6



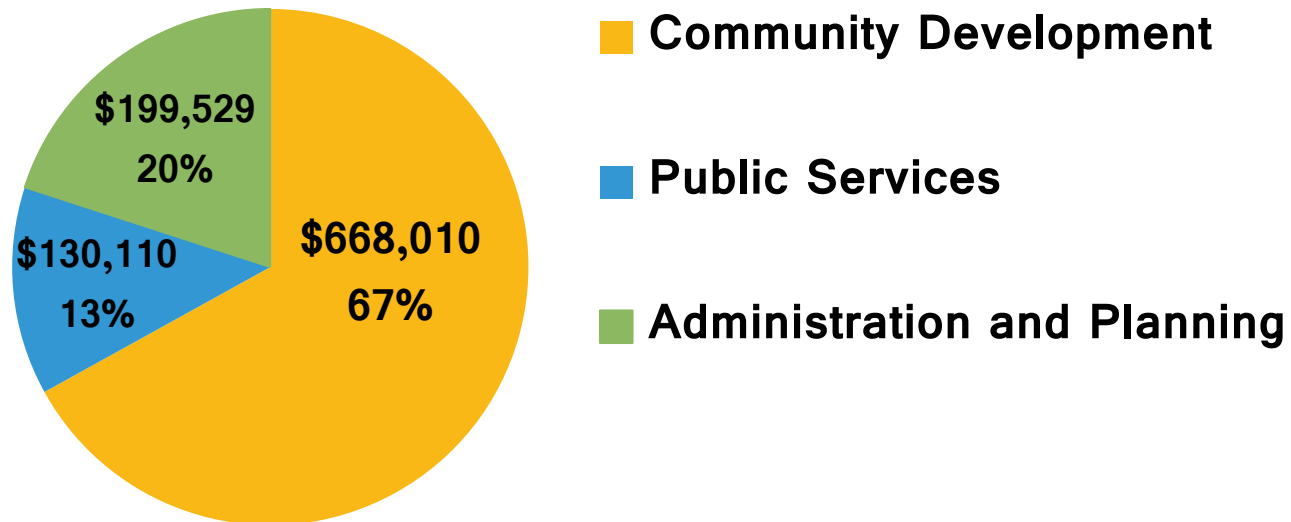
# CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

## Summary of Goals for PY14–18

Category	Need Addressed/ Priority Ranking	5 Year Investment Goal	5 Year Benefit
Street Improvements	Infrastructure High	\$1,000,000	6,106 People
Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	Housing High	\$2,000,000	72 Homes
Creation of New Rental Units	Housing High	\$343,000	192 units
Tenants Rights and Fair Housing Counseling	Community Services High	\$250,000	340 People
Expansion of Social Work Services	Community Services High	\$400,000	2000 people



## PY14 Estimated Allocation: \$997,649





# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Housing	2	1
Community Services	3	2
Public Building & Facilities	4	4
Populations with Specialized Needs/Services	5	3
Business & Jobs	6	6



## PY2014 Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Addresses a high priority goal of the Strategic Plan
- Feasibility of project
- Impacts a significant number of households
- Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons
- Leverages/matches with funding from another source



## PROJECTS

### Proposed PY14 Projects:

Project	Funding Amount	Goals
Acquisition for the Development of New Rental Housing	\$343,010	192 Units
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff	\$125,000	564 people
Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation	\$200,000	8 homes
Public Services: Social Work	\$80,110	400 people
Public Services: Fair Housing & Tenant's Rights Counseling	\$50,000	68 people
CDBG Administration & Planning	\$199,529	N/A



## Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Homeowner Rehabilitation	Up to \$500,000
Las Lomas Sustainability Onsite Project	Up to \$480,000
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff Phase 2	\$240,000
Street Improvements: Forest Bluff Phase 3	\$235,000
Street Improvements: Chamberlain Court	\$53,998
Street Improvements: Mossycup Lane	\$35,413



## Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Street Improvements: Nuttall Drive	\$50,619
Street Improvements: Netleaf	\$32,878
Street Improvements: Mimebark Way	\$55,688
Street Improvements: Sabal Palm	\$48,085
Street Improvements: Bullace Street	\$50,619
Street Improvements: Vasey Blvd	\$50,619





## Alternate Projects:

Project	Funding Amount
Street Improvements: Ross Rd #1	\$110,600
Street Improvements: Ross Rd #2	\$201,680
Street Improvements: Shadowglen Trace	\$172,640



## Timeline for Submission of Consolidated Plan

- Final date to approve Projects: June 10, 2014
- Approval of Public Comment Draft: June 24, 2014
- Public Comment Period: June 27-July 28, 2014
- Approval of Final Draft: August 5, 2014
- Submission to HUD: August 15, 2014



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